

Latest Jets Results from the Tevatron

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A comprehensive overview of the latest aspects of jet physics in proton-antiproton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV is presented. In particular, measurements of the inclusive jet production, dijet and multi-jet production, and jet substructure studies are discussed.

1 Inclusive Jet Production

The experimental measurements of jet cross section at the Tevatron provide stringent test of QCD predictions, information on the strong coupling constant, α_S , and constraints on proton parton distribution functions, PDFs. The inclusive jet cross section measurements were performed by the CDF collaboration^{1, 2} using midpoint cone³ and k_T ⁴ algorithms and by D0 collaboration using the midpoint algorithm⁵. Both experiments extended measurements to the forward rapidity regions. The systematic uncertainties in these measurements are dominated by the uncertainty in the jet energy scale. The extensive efforts to determine jet energy scale, using single particle response technique in the case of CDF, and $\gamma + jet$ event calibration method at D0, allowed to achieve the jet energy scale uncertainties of 2-3% and 1-2%, respectively. The understanding gained by these measurements is important for any analyses which have jets as an object of interest.

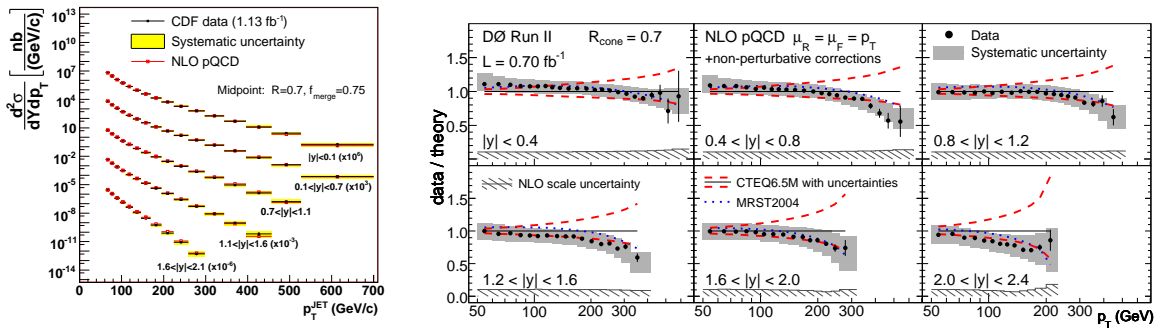


Figure 1: Measured inclusive jet differential cross sections in five rapidity regions by CDF compared to NLO QCD predictions (left); Ratios of the measured cross sections over NLO QCD predictions by D0 (right).

Fig. 2 shows a comparison of the measured cross sections to the theoretical predictions. The measurements are found to be in agreement with NLO QCD predictions for both experiments

and for different clustering algorithms. The experimental uncertainties are lower than the uncertainties associated with the theoretical predictions. Since inclusive jet measurements allow to constrain PDFs of the proton, especially gluon densities at high x , ($x \geq 0.25$), two groups performing global QCD analyses to determine PDFs included these Tevatron measurements in their compilation, with resulting PDFs referred as MSTW2008 and CT09. Inclusion of the Tevatron measurements lead to somewhat softer high- x gluons than the ones previously available.

The inclusive jet cross section is directly related to the measurement of the strong coupling constant. The CDF collaboration performed this analysis using the 1994-95 data, and D0 recently published a new α_S determination⁶ based on the inclusive jet cross section measurement discussed above. The value of the strong coupling constant is determined from sets of inclusive jet cross section data points by minimizing the χ^2 function between data and the theoretical results. In order to avoid the complications arising from the α_S dependence on PDF determinations, only 22 data points out of 110 were kept for α_S determination. This measurement provides the most precise result for the strong coupling constant from the hadron colliders $\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.1161 \pm_{0.0041}^{0.0048}$.

The CDF⁷ and D0⁸ experiments used the dijet invariant mass distribution to search for resonances decaying into jets. In the case of D0, measurements of the dijet angular distributions are performed in different regions of the dijet invariant mass. A good agreement between data and theory, which translates into improved limits in different models, is observed for both experiments.

2 Multi-Jet Production

We present a measurement by the D0 collaboration of the differential inclusive three-jet cross section as a function of the invariant three-jet mass (M_{3jet}). The data set corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 0.7 fb^{-1} . The measurement is performed in three rapidity regions ($|y| < 0.8$, $|y| < 1.6$, and $|y| < 2.4$) and in three regions of the third jet transverse momenta. The events are required to have p_T of the leading jet larger than 150 GeV and for any pair of jets to be well separated in $y - \phi$ space. The comparison of the experimental data with the NLO theoretical predictions shows a reasonable agreement, see Fig. 2.

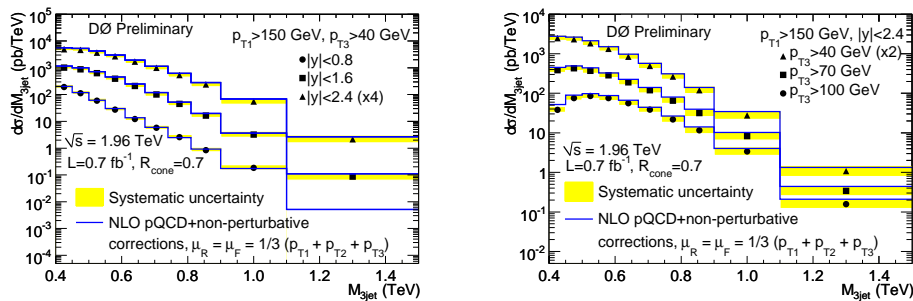


Figure 2: Three-jet mass cross section in regions of jet rapidities (left), and third jet p_T (right). Full lines correspond to the NLO calculations with NLOJET++ and MSTW2008 PDF set.

Using the same data sample the D0 collaboration also performed a measurement of the ratios of the multi-jet cross sections. The inclusive n -jet event sample (for $n = 2, 3$) is defined by all events with n or more jets with $p_T > p_{Tmin}$ and $|y| < 2.4$. The rapidity requirement restricts the jet phase space to the region where jets are well-reconstructed in the D0 detector and the energy calibration is known to 1.2 - 2.5%. The ratio of cross sections is less sensitive to experimental and theoretical uncertainties than the individual cross sections, due to cancellations of correlated uncertainties. $R_{3/2}$ is measured as a function of the leading jet p_T in an event, p_{Tmax} . Since the variable p_{Tmax} is independent of the jet multiplicity, all events which belong to a given p_{Tmax}

bin for the inclusive trijet event sample also belong to the same p_{Tmax} bin for the inclusive dijet event sample. Given the definitions above for inclusive n-jet event samples, $R_{3/2(p_{Tmax})}$ equals the conditional probability for an inclusive dijet event (at p_{Tmax}) to contain a third jet with $p_T > p_{Tmin}$. The data is well described by the SHERPA event generator (using default settings) with tree-level matrix elements for 2-, 3-, and 4-jet production. For the PYTHIA event generator, the results depend strongly on the chosen parameter tune. Commonly used tunes (for both the angular-ordered and the p_T -ordered parton shower), see Fig. 3, overshoot the measured ratios significantly over the whole p_{Tmax} range for all p_{Tmin} requirements.

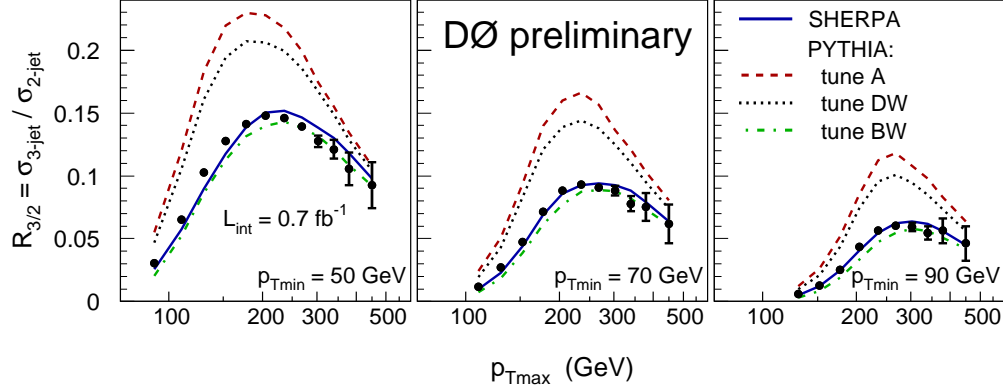


Figure 3: $R_{3/2}$ ratio measured as a function of the leading jet p_{Tmax} for different p_{Tmin} requirements for the other jets. Predictions from SHERPA and PYTHIA (three tunes using the virtuality-ordered parton shower) are compared to the data.

3 Study of Substructure of High p_T Jets

The study of high transverse momentum (p_T) massive jets provides an important test of pQCD and gives insight into the parton showering mechanism. In addition, massive boosted jets compose an important background in searches for various new physics models, the Higgs boson, and highly boosted top quark pair production. Particularly relevant is the case where the decay

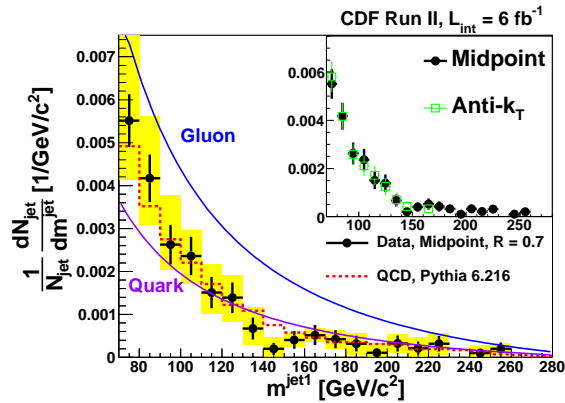


Figure 4: The normalized jet mass distribution for midpoint jets with $p_T > 400$ GeV/c. The theory predictions for the jet functions for quarks and gluons are shown as solid curves and have an estimated uncertainty of 30%. The inset compares midpoint and $anti - k_t$ jets.

of a heavy resonance produces high- p_T top quarks that decay hadronically. In all these cases, the hadronic decay products can be detected as a single jet with substructure that differs from

pQCD jets once the jet p_T is greater than 400-500 GeV/c. The CDF collaboration performed measurement of substructure of jets with $p_T > 400$ GeV/c by studying distributions of the jet mass and measuring angularity, the variable describing the energy distribution inside the jet, and planar flow, the variable differentiating between two-prong and three-prong decays. At small cone sizes and large jet mass, these variables are expected to be quite robust against soft radiation and allow, in principle, a comparison with theoretical predictions in addition to comparison with MC results. Jets are reconstructed with the midpoint cone algorithm (cone radii $R=0.4, 0.7$, and 1.0) and with the $anti-k_t$ algorithm⁹ (with distance parameter $R=0.7$). Events are selected in a sample with 6 fb^{-1} based on the inclusive jet trigger. There is a good agreement between the measured m^{jet1} distribution with the analytic predictions for the jet function and with PYTHIA MC predictions. The midpoint and $anti-k_t$ algorithms have very similar jet substructure distributions for high mass jets, see Fig. 4. The angularity distribution shown on Fig. 5(left) in addition to reasonable agreement data and PYTHIA MC also demonstrates that the high mass jets coming from light quark and gluon production are consistent with two-body final states and that further rejection against high mass QCD jets can be obtained by using the planar flow variable, Fig. 5(right).

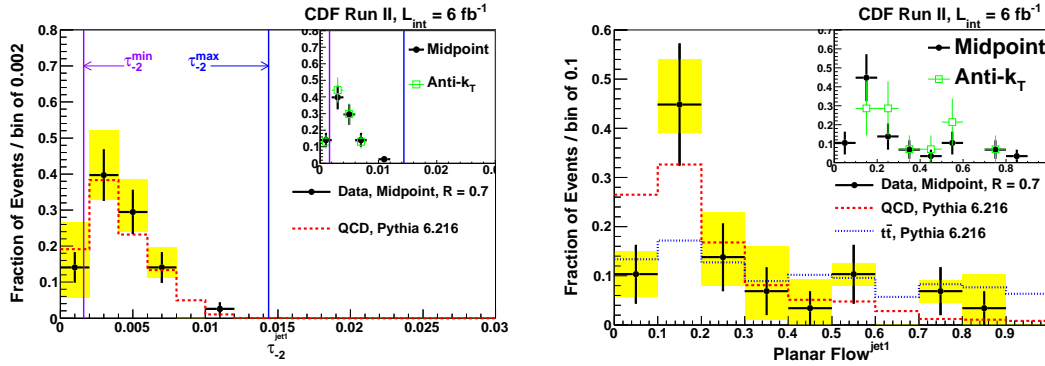


Figure 5: The angularity distribution for midpoint jets with $p_T > 400$ GeV/c. The $t\bar{t}$ rejection cuts and requirement for $90 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < m^{jet1} < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ are applied. The PYTHIA calculation (red dashed line) and the pQCD kinematic endpoints are shown (left); The planar flow distributions after applying the top rejection cuts and requiring $130 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < m^{jet1} < 210 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. PYTHIA QCD (red dashed line) and $t\bar{t}$ (blue dotted line) jets are shown (right).

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